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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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      i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

      ii. ☐ Other _____

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      ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)   iv. ☒ Other Supplemental Information Disclosures; cited references and Return Postcard

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   a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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